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SUBJECT: IRA TERRORIST

Q: THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO IRELAND IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT HE THOUGHT IT POSSIBLE TO ACCOMMODATE UP TO 200 INDIVIDUALS FROM NORTHERN IRELAND WISHING TO BREAK WITH VIOLENT ORGANIZATIONS AND EMIGRATE TO THE U.S. HE SAID SUCH REFUGEES COULD BE PAROLED IN ON A TEMPORARY BASIS. IS THE UNITED STATES CONSIDERING AN ACTION?

A: WHILE WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY HELD THAT A SOLUTION TO THE NORTHERN IRELAND PROBLEM MUST COME FROM THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED, WE HAVE MORE RECENTLY INDICATED THAT  
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THE U.S. SHOULD CONSIDER WHETHER WE MIGHT BE HELPFUL IN SOME WAY. WE BELIEVE THIS IS WHAT THE AMBASSADOR WAS SEEKING TO REFLECT IN HIS RECENT INTERVIEW WITH A CORRESPONDENT OF ONE OF IRELAND'S NEWSPAPERS IN ALLUDING TO THAT IDEA. HOWEVER, I KNOW OF NO CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN TO SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT, WHICH WOULD PRESENT A NUMBER OF LEGAL AND TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES.

Q: WHAT DIFFICULTIES ARE YOU REFERRING TO?

A: FOR EXAMPLE, SO-CALLED "TERRORISTS" ARE INELIGIBLE FOR A VISA UNDER SECTION 212(A)(28)(F) OF THE INA WHICH PRECLUDES THE ISSUANCE OF VISAS TO "ALIENS WHO ADVOCATE OR TEACH OR WHO ARE MEMBERS OF OR AFFILIATED WITH ANY ORGANIZATION THAT ADVOCATES OR TEACHES (I) THE OVERTHROW BY VIOLENCE, OR OTHER UNCONSTITUTIONAL MEANS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OR OF ALL FORMS OF LAW; OR (II) THE DUTY, NECESSITY, OR PROPRIETY OF THE UNLAWFUL ASSAULTING OR KILLING OF ANY OFFICER OR OFFICERS (EITHER INDIVIDUALS OR OF OFFICERS GENERALLY) OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OR OF ANY OTHER ORGANIZED GOVERNMENT, BECAUSE OF HIS OR THEIR OFFICIAL CHARACTER; OR (III) THE UNLAWFUL DAMAGE, INJURY, OR DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY; OR (IV) SABOTAGE."

Q: AREN'T EXCEPTIONS POSSIBLE FOR PERSONS INELIGIBLE UNDER THIS SECTION OF LAW?

A: YES. THE LAW ALLOWS THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO RECOMMEND TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL THAT THIS GROUND OF INELIGIBILITY BE WAIVED FOR NON-EMIGRANTS ONLY. SUCH CASES MUST BE REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT WHICH DECIDES WHETHER OR NOT TO RECOMMEND A WAIVER.  
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Q: IT IS REPORTED IN THE INTERVIEW THAT HE BELIEVED LEADERS OF THE PEACE MOVEMENT HAD CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THIS WITH THE PEOPLE AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT?

A: I CAN'T PRECLUDE THAT IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN RAISED IN SOME DISCUSSION OF THE PROBLEMS OF NORTHERN IRELAND. HOWEVER, AS I SAID, NO CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT. VANCE

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